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SWEARING IN CEREMONY - William Bouie, Hunter Mill District

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PRESENTATION - 1

Cub Run Marketing Plan (Sully District)

Staff will present plans for an initial marketing and awareness campaign for the opening of Cub Run RECenter. Information will include an overview of the strategies planned to build awareness and use. Anticipated opening day activities will also be highlighted.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:
None.

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ADMINISTRATION - 1

Adoption of Minutes – February 9 and February 23, 2005, Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Approval of the minutes of the February 9 and February 23, 2005, Park Authority Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the minutes of the February 9 and February 23, 2005, Park Authority Board meeting.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 9, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the February 9 and February 23, 2005, Park Authority Board meeting

STAFF:

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ACTION – 1

Contract Award – Open End Contracts for Civil Engineering and Related Services

ISSUE:

Approval of open end contract awards to the firms of Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd., Burgess & Niple Inc., Greenhorne & O'Mara Inc., and Patton, Harris, Rust & Associates P. C. for civil engineering and related services needed to accomplish the projects in 2004 Park Bond Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of open end contract awards to the firms of Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd., Burgess & Niple Inc., Greenhorne & O'Mara Inc., and Patton, Harris, Rust & Associates P. C. for civil engineering and related services needed to accomplish the projects in 2004 Park Bond Program. Each firm will be awarded a contract in the not to exceed amount of \$400,000 for a term of one (1) year. The contracts are renewable for two (2) additional one-year terms at the option of the Park Authority Board. **(This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on March 2, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 9, 2005, to ensure that civil engineering and related services are readily available to accomplish the 2004 Park Bond Program.

BACKGROUND:

The utilization of open end professional services contracts substantially shortens project schedules by reducing the time period required to procure design and construction administration related services. Therefore, staff is recommending the establishment of four (4) open end contracts for the procurement of the civil engineering and related services needed to accomplish the 2004 Park Bond Program. Related services provided under these contracts includes surveying, environmental studies, design of park sites and facilities, processing of environmental permits and site plans, design of athletic field irrigation and lighting systems, and administration/inspection support during construction.

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In accordance with Fairfax County's procurement policy, staff has identified four (4) qualified firms to provide civil engineering and related services through the use of open end contracts. A Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) comprised of three (3) staff members was established to evaluate qualification materials submitted by the professional firms that responded to a publicly advertised "Request for Qualifications". The SAC then interviewed the top six (6) rated firms, from which four (4) firms were determined to be the most qualified.

The criteria used to select the firms included: design experience in the field of civil engineering and related services, experience in designing park facilities, public client experience, staff qualifications, quality of past work, project management and quality control strategies, knowledge of the site plan approval and permit processing and their responses to interview questions. Based on a review of the qualification packages and their interviews, the SAC has found Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd., Burgess & Niple Inc., Greenhorne & O'Mara Inc., and Patton, Harris, Rust & Associates P. C. the most qualified firms to provide civil engineering and related services under open end contracts.

Each firm will be awarded a contract in the not to exceed amount of \$400,000 for a term of one (1) year. The contracts are renewable for two (2) additional one-year terms at the option of the Park Authority Board. Any unused amount from a previous term shall not be carried forward to the additional term, and no individual contract project assignment shall exceed \$200,000. As professional services are needed for a specific project, a proposal will be requested from one of the firms based on required expertise, firm availability and equitable distribution of project assignments. After the proposal is reviewed and negotiated, a contract project assignment will be executed to authorize work to begin.

Each contract will be terminated or brought back to the Board for extension when the term expires or the maximum amount of the contract has been assigned to projects, whichever occurs first. These contracts do not guarantee a minimum contract amount to any of the firms.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are necessary in the amount of \$100 per firm to open and establish the contracts for open end civil engineering and related services for a total of \$400. Funds are available in the amount of \$400 in Project 004534, Park Contingency, Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund to initiate these contracts. Contract expenditures will be charged to individual projects as work is assigned, up to the maximum amount of the contract. This Board action only commits funds through the issuance of a Contract Project Assignment.

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ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Respondents To The Request For Qualifications

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ACTION – 2

Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Master Plan Revision for Sully Historic Site (Sully District)

ISSUE:

Approval to hold a public hearing to present the Master Plan Revision for Sully Historic Site and to receive public comment.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends that the Park Authority Board authorize a public hearing to present the Master Plan Revision for Sully Historic Site to the public. **(This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on March 2, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

TIMING:

Action is requested on March 9, 2005 to maintain the project schedule.

BACKGROUND:

The Sully Historic Site Master Plan is on the FY 2004 - FY 2005 Work Plan. The project team consists of representatives from Resource Management and Planning and Development Divisions. The project team believes the General Management Plan and Conceptual Development Plan addresses the identified needs of the park.

A public hearing must be held in order to receive public input on the draft Master Plan document. The public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on April 14, 2005 at Franklin Middle School at 3300 Lees Corner Road, Chantilly, Virginia.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff salaries to complete this planning project will be from the General Fund 001 budget.

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ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Sully Historic Site Master Plan Revision – Fairfax County Park Authority
February 2005

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ACTION –3

Approval – Proposed 2005 Fee Adjustments to the Park Authority's Published Fee Schedule

ISSUE:

Approval of recommended fee adjustments to the published fee schedule for 2005.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends that the Park Authority Board approve all proposed fee adjustments as advertised with the exception of the senior fee discount policy proposal and a change in conditions under which the synthetic turf athletic field fees shall apply, as follows:

- 1) approve the following change in conditions under which the synthetic turf athletic field fees shall apply – fees are applicable annually from the Monday after the third Sunday in November through the end of February.
- 2) approve the following alternative to the advertised senior fee discount proposal – phase-in a reduced senior and youth discount level to 45% in year 1, 40% in year 3 and 35% in year 5, along with an increase in the age of senior discount eligibility from 60 to 65 over the same five year period;
- 3) over the course of the five-year implementation period for recommendation 3, evaluate and report related use impacts to the Board annually before proceeding with each successive stage of the implementation.

(This item was reviewed by the Park Services Committee on March 2, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)

TIMING:

Immediate. Fee changes take effect beginning April 1, 2005.

BACKGROUND:

Park Authority staff reviews fees annually to ensure that the agency remains on target to meet financial goals established by the Park Authority Board. As a result of the staff review done during the fall of 2004, a number of fees were proposed for modification or addition to the published fee schedule. The Board authorized public notification of the proposed fee adjustments and a date for a public comment meeting at the January 12, 2005 Board meeting.

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Public notification of the fee proposal and public comment meeting included: distribution of press releases to news organizations, advertisement and distribution of the fee proposal at park sites and on the Park Authority's web site. Public comments were initially solicited in writing via letter, fax and e-mail between January 17 and February 15, 2005 with a public comment meeting on February 2, 2005. The comment period was subsequently extended to February 28, 2005 at the request of the Board of Supervisors. In addition to the public comment meeting, Park Authority representatives were also asked to discuss the senior fee discount proposal in a meeting with citizens at the Lee District Supervisor's office (February 9th) and with the Commission on Aging (February 16th).

A summary of public comments received during the public comment period is included in Attachment 2. Actual comments received between the opening of the public comment period and February 28 were distributed to Board members through the Public Information mail log.

As the comment summary in attachment 2 indicates, virtually all feedback received during the comment period pertained to the senior fee discount proposal. And more than nine of every 10 commenting spoke in opposition to the senior fee proposal. Common reasons for opposing the senior fee proposal were as follows:

Table 1 Common Reasons for Opposing the Advertised Senior Fee Discount Proposal
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% discount is one of the few benefits afforded older Fairfax residents and should be preserved.• 50% discount is a deserved benefit in light of a life long financial and civic contribution to the county and the Park Authority.• Results in too severe a fee increase to absorb in a short period of time.• Combined with other county fee hikes (rising assessment, ambulance fee), the proposal exceeds the ability of some seniors to pay and it exceeds the willingness to pay of others.• Is not equitable in that it unfairly targets one age group – seniors. Fee increases should affect all age groups equally. Similarly, if the 50% senior discount is decreased, then the areas where 50% youth discounts exist should be reduced as well.• The extent of the cost increase will result in either reduced use or discontinued RECenter use among many who are exercising for health reasons. Will have the unintended policy consequences of discouraging health and fitness and/or increasing social isolation among some elderly whose personal wellness is enhanced by activity at RECenters.• Will result in some undetermined decline in use at off-peak times (RECenter and golf).

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Those who supported the concept of reducing the senior discount impact generally recognized the Park Authority's financial need. Many supporters also considered the existing senior discount inequitable to non-seniors due to the financial status of Fairfax seniors as a group. However, most supporters encouraged the Park Authority to lessen the proposal's financial impact on seniors in a more gradual way, most commonly by seeking smaller reductions in the senior discount level and/or by raising the age of eligibility.

Given the nature of the feedback expressed by the public (both pro and con) and the likelihood of some drop-off in senior use if the advertised proposal were adopted, staff believes a less aggressive rollback of the current senior discount than what appeared in the advertised fee proposal is warranted. After considering numerous options (see attachment 5 for a summary), the following alternative is recommended for adoption by the Board. It is felt that this option offers the best balance between the need to address citizen concerns regarding the advertised proposal and the Park Authority's need to reduce its senior subsidy exposure over time.

Recommended Senior Fee Discount Action: over a five-year period, phase-in a reduced senior and youth discount level beginning with a discount reduction to 45% in year 1, 40% in year 3 and 35% in year 5, along with an increase in the age of senior discount eligibility from 60 to 65 over the same five year period.

Key features of the recommendation include the following:

1. Reduce the current senior discount level from 50% to 45% this year, 40% in 2007 and then 35% in 2009. This implementation meets citizen concerns expressed in the comment period by adjusting the discount more gradually and by stopping the reduction in the discount at 35% rather than proceeding to 25%. With each 5% reduction in the senior discount representing \$175,000 annually, this alternative also reduces the Park Authority's financial exposure considerably.
2. Raise the age of eligibility for the senior discount in successive one-year increments from age 60 to age 65 between 2005 and 2009. Increasing the age of eligibility is the action that has the broadest public support. Each successive one-year increase in eligibility would represent \$100,000 annually. (Note: this feature of the recommendation would enable all of those currently eligible for a senior discount to remain eligible in the future.)
3. Reduce the 50% youth discount rate in RECenter admissions/passes and golf passes in the same manner that the senior discount rate is reduced (from 50% to 45% in 2005, 40% in 2007 and then 35% in 2009). Many seniors felt that this was a

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necessary quid pro quo, and that reducing the senior discount without a companion reduction in the youth discount would be inequitable.

4. While approval is sought in principle for the entire five-year adjustment, it is also recognized that the usage impact of the adjustment should be evaluated annually before the Board makes its decision whether or not to proceed with each successive stage of the implementation. And that the Board reserves the right to discontinue or delay implementation if usage has been adversely impacted. Staff will evaluate use and sales impacts within the youth and senior age groups in the major use categories (admissions, passes, registration) and report the results to the Board, prior to the Board making its decision on whether or not to proceed with the next step of implementation.

Annual fiscal impact of the senior fee recommendation over the five-year phase-in period is as follows:

Year 1: \$	299,200	Year 4: \$	798,400
Year 2: \$	399,200	Year 5: \$	1,097,600
Year 3: \$	698,400		

This information was derived from the multi-option matrix (see attachment 6) that was used to examine the impact of various alternatives involving discount reductions and/or increased age eligibility.

Recommended Change in Conditions – Synthetic Turf Athletic Field Fees. The fee recommendation also includes a change in conditions under which the proposed synthetic turf athletic field fees apply; namely, that these fees are applicable annually from the Monday after the third Sunday in November through the end of February. The conditions, as originally advertised, included application of the fees “through the Friday before the last Saturday in March” every year. The change makes application of these fees more consistent with the Department of Community and Recreation Services (DCRS) field scheduling season, and is designed to coincide with the time of the year that DCRS does not schedule fields.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the fee proposal recommendation is projected to generate approximately \$52,575 in additional revenue in FY 2005 and \$1, 484,043 in FY 2006.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Proposed Fee Adjustments FY2005

Attachment 2 – Public Comment Summary on Proposed Fee Adjustments FY2005

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Attachment 3 – Fairfax Area Commission on Aging Position on Senior Fees
Attachment 4 – Fairfax Area Disability Services Board Position on Senior Fees
Attachment 5 – Senior Fee Discount – Other Options/Alternatives Considered
Attachment 6 – Senior Discount Alternatives Based on Increased Age of Eligibility
And/Or Reduced Discount Level for Seniors/Youth

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ACTION - 4

FY 2006 Fund 170, Park Revenue Fund Add-On Request to the Advertised Budget

ISSUE:

Approval of the Add-On Request to the FY 2006 Fund 170, Park Revenue Fund Advertised Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends the Park Authority Board approve the Add-On Request to the FY 2006 Fund 170, Park Revenue Advertised Budget. **(This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 23, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 9, 2005. The FY 2006 Add-On package will be submitted to Department of Management and Budget (DMB) on March 10, 2005.

BACKGROUND:

The County Executive will present the FY 2006 Fund 170 Advertised Budget to the Board of Supervisors on February 28, 2005. The Park Authority is requesting a (\$1,496,756) decrease to revenue and a (\$1,044,266) decrease to expenditures for a net impact of (\$452,490) to net revenues for the FY 2006 Park Revenue Fund Advertised Budget.

These changes are necessary to realign the budget for FY 2006 based on FY 2004 actual data, as well as recent projections for this fiscal year that resulted in significant adjustments at the FY 2005 Third Quarter Review.

Development of the FY 2006 budget was based on an overstated FY 2005 Adopted Budget Plan. The actual revenues realized in FY 2004 and through mid-year FY 2005 are below projections that were originally based upon FY 2002 revenue performance. Realignment of the FY 2006 budget will provide more accurate projection and reduce or eliminate the need to significantly modify the budget at the FY 2006 Third Quarter Review.

FY 2006 changes are also necessary for the delay in opening Laurel Hill Golf Course.

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Of the total adjustments requested, realignment of the budget requires a decrease to revenues of (\$942,524) and a decrease to expenditures of (\$780,266) for a net impact to net revenues of (\$162,258). Rec Activities is adjusted for an increase to revenue of \$113,726 and decrease to expenditures of (\$242,775). Golf Enterprises is adjusted for a revenue decrease of (\$1,056,250) and expenditure decrease of (\$537,491).

Of the total adjustments requested, the delay in opening Laurel Hill Golf Course from May 2005 to September 2005 requires an adjustment to decrease revenues by (\$554,232) and decrease expenditures by (\$264,000) for a net impact to net revenues of (\$290,232).

As noted at Third Quarter, a request is also being made to increase the amount previously budgeted at 6/6.0 bond positions in the FY 2006 Advertised Budget to 9/9.0 bond positions. This will increase the budgeted personnel costs from \$454,822 to \$633,066, or \$178,244 for the FY 2006 Revenue Fund Adopted Budget. Recovered costs will also be increased by \$178,244 to offset the personnel increase, with no impact to net revenues.

FISCAL IMPACT:

FY 2006 Revenues for this fund will decrease from \$34,686,198 to \$33,189,442 or by \$1,496,756. FY 2006 Expenditures for this fund will decrease from \$33,560,973 to \$32,516,707 or by \$1,044,266. Thus net revenues will decrease from \$1,125,225 to \$676,735 or by (\$452,490).

The impact of the bond funded positions will increase personnel costs by \$178,244 with an offsetting increase to recovered costs with no net impact to net revenues.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Park Revenue Fund (Fund 170): FY 2006 Add On Adjustments
Summary

Attachment 2: Park Revenue Fund (Fund 170): FY 2006 Advertised and Revised Fund
Statement

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INFORMATION – 1

Manassas Battlefield Bypass Draft Environmental Impact Study and Section 4(f) Evaluation (Sully)

The Manassas Battlefield Bypass Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation was released in early February, 2005 by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration. This document, prepared in conjunction with the National Park Service, proposes to close U.S. Route 29 and Virginia Route 234 within the Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP) and provide an alternative traffic route around the MNBP in accordance with a Congressional Act passed in 1988.

Six alternative routes, including a No-Action alternative, are reviewed in this document. A preferred alternative, Alternative D, has been identified. The alignment of Alternative D bisects a large tract of Fairfax County Park Authority owned and, known as the Horne property. In addition, this alignment is located parallel to property recently transferred to the Fairfax County Park Authority by the Board of Supervisors along the County border and Bull Run stream. This alternative impacts approximately 20 acres of Fairfax County Park Authority land holdings. Attachment 1 shows the Preferred Alternative, specific impacts to Fairfax County Park Authority Park Sites and an Environmental Matrix that compares the various impacts of each alternative.

Comments on the DEIS are due on April 1, 2005. Park Authority staff is currently reviewing this document and coordinating with other County agencies in providing County comments.

The proposed Tri-County Parkway Study is also ongoing and is likely to propose a co-alignment with the Manassas Battlefield Bypass. The DEIS for the Tri-County Parkway is anticipated to be distributed in April 2005.

(This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on March 2, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Preferred Alternatives and Impacts, and an Environmental Matrix

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INFORMATION – 2

FY 2005 Midyear Update - Fund 370, Park Authority Bond Construction and Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund

With regard to Fund 370, the Park Authority had a total of \$75,000,000 in authorized bond sales for parkland acquisition and development from the 1998 Bond Program. To date, all \$75,000,000 of the 1998 Bond Program has been appropriated. Voters approved a \$20,000,000 Park Authority Bond Referendum in November 2002. As part of the FY 2003 Third Quarter approval the Park Authority received an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for Land Acquisition and \$5,000,000 for Park Development resulting in a total of \$10,000,000 from the Fall 2002 Bond Program. As part of the FY 2004 Adopted Budget the remaining \$10,000,000 of the 2002 Bond Program for Land Acquisition was appropriated. Therefore, the full complement of \$75,000,000 from the 1998 Bond Program and \$20,000,000 from the 2002 Bond Program has been appropriated.

The FY 2005 Budget Plan is \$34,165,204. FY 2005 expenditures and encumbrances as of December 31, 2004 total \$10,968,801 resulting in an available balance of \$23,196,403 associated with Fund 370, Park Authority Bond Construction.

With regard to Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund, the Park Authority has an appropriation of \$9,537,418 for projects in FY 2005. These funds are utilized for projects listed in Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund and include those activities associated with the improvement fund such as easement administration, proffer development, park rental building repairs, improvements to revenue generating facilities, grants, and park improvements made possible as a result of lease payments on park sites.

As of December 31, 2004, FY 2005 expenditures and encumbrances total \$1,538,840 resulting in an available balance of \$7,998,578 associated with Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund.

Attached are updates for Fund 370, Park Authority Bond Construction and Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund, relating to the funding categories and Board reallocations to date, as well as the budgets, expenditures, encumbrances and remaining balances for each park activity listed under the major funding categories. **(This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on March 2, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.)**

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2005 appropriation for Fund 370, Park Authority Bond Construction is \$34,165,204. The FY 2005 appropriation for Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund is \$9,537,418.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: FY 2005 Update - Fund 370, Park Authority Bond Construction and Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund (***Attachment distributed at the March 2, 2005, Planning and Development Committee meeting***).

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INFORMATION – 3

Expanded Operating Hours Program At Lee District, Mt. Vernon, Oak Marr and Providence RECenters (Lee, Mount Vernon, Providence Districts)

Effective March 15, 2005, Lee District RECenter, Mt. Vernon RECenter, Oak Marr RECenter, and Providence RECenter will expand hours to accommodate public interest.

	Facilities	Current Hours	New Hours
Lee District RECenter			
Sunday	Facility	Noon – 8pm	8am – 8pm
Sunday	Pool	Noon – 6pm	8am* – 6pm Lap Swim and FCPA classes only Sunday 9am - 12pm
Mt. Vernon RECenter			
Friday	Pool	6am – 6pm	6am – 7pm
Saturday	All**	7am – 6pm	7am -7pm
Oak Marr RECenter			
Saturday	All	7am – 6pm	6am – 7pm
Providence RECenter			
Sunday	Facility	10am - 8pm	9am – 8pm
	Pool	10am – 6pm Lap Swim and FCPA classes only Sunday 10am - 1pm	9am – 6pm Lap Swim and FCPA classes only Sunday 9am - 1pm

*For FCPA classes and Lap Swim only from 8:00 a.m. - Noon, Spring, Summer, and Fall. Kayak program that occurs during the winter session will continue to use the pool November through March.

** Ice Arena operates on separate hours and has public sessions 8:45 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on Fridays and 11:45 until 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Lee District RECenter

With the exception of George Washington RECenter, Lee District is the only RECenter that opens this late on Sunday (all others open between 8:30-10:00 a.m.). By opening at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays, the RECenter will be able to offer numerous aqua, land and fitness classes that were previously not been offered at

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Lee District on Sundays. The swimming pool hours will vary somewhat during the winter season when the Kayaking program takes place. This program has been a staple at Lee District RECenter for more than 20 years and has a very strong participation rate. In order to minimize customer confusion, the site will make announcements in the Parktakes publication and all site generated communications to the public.

Mt. Vernon RECenter

These changes are in response to customer requests received via the site's "Ask the Managers Meeting", suggestion forms, and by formal letters. The expanded hours will coincide with other activities in the center, such as public ice sessions and room rentals from Northern Virginia Swim League (NVSL) groups.

Oak Marr RECenter

Oak Marr RECenter has piloted these hours since July 2004 with good attendance from US Swim Team parents in the mornings and NVSL parents in the evening.

Providence RECenter

Providence RECenter currently offers swim lessons on Sunday morning's beginning at 9:00 a.m. although the pool and facility open at 10:00 a.m. Opening at 9:00 a.m. will provide opportunities for public use for parents of class participants, people who prefer earlier work-outs, and will capitalize on staff already working to manage the classes.

Unless otherwise directed, staff will implement the adjustments to operating hours as outlined.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: RECenter General Admission Hours (Effective 3/15/05)

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